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Dear Sir:

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

As confirmed in an official Notice mailed on March 16, 2004, this application has now been withdrawn from issue for consideration of a Request for Continued Examination.

The purpose of withdrawal from issue is to give the Examiner an opportunity to review three prior art references disclosed to the Patent Office at the time of filing the Petition To Withdraw From Issue and the RCE. Copies of the references were provided at that time.

These references were listed in a Statement of Opposition filed at the New Zealand Patent Office on February 24, 2004 with regard to a corresponding application pending in New Zealand.

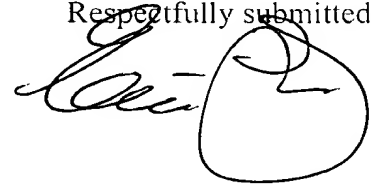
In order to provide the Examiner with all of the available information, applicant is now enclosing a copy of the Notice of Opposition, an accompanying Statement of Case and attached supporting materials. This submission includes copies of the three references to

Fujii, et al. already disclosed as indicated above, but including hand-written markings added by the opponent in the opposition.

Some additional references are also being submitted at this time.

It is requested that this information be taken into consideration during the further prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edwin Gale', followed by a large, stylized circular flourish.

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		JP-2-31624	02/01/1990	Japan			Yes

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